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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

" A RED LETTER DAY FOR NSCA !!! "

YES, THE BIG DAY FOR NSCA SO DON'T YOU DARE MISS IT !! THE LONG AWAITED BOOK ON COAL SCRIP BY DON EDKINS WILL BE RELEASED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING OF NSCA ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE HOLIDAY INN EAST IN HUNTINGTON, WEST VA....

CALL YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY INN NOW FOR RESERVATIONS !! Swaps and trades will be the order of the day on Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st before and after the business meeting....

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Save this chart for future reference !!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

John R. Fliss, President - National Scrip Collectors Association - 321 Pershing Drive, New Kensington, Pa. 15068

A friend asked me the other day if I still collected those "crazy brass scrip tokens" that I am always talking about. It appeared to him that I had not said much lately and he assumed my enthusiasm was waning. Nothing could be further from the truth. You may not have heard from me formally as President of our organization but you can be sure that I have been working like a champion. All my efforts have been directed toward our major objective of publishing the Coal Scrip Catalog. I am happy and delighted to say that things are "humming along". Cole Cuttle and Don Edkins have been working constantly on the book since the Pipestem meeting in May. And, unless you are familar with such an undertaking, you cannot imagine the factors involved. But, Cole and Don are meeting all obstacles as they arise and somehow keep moving ahead. As the Secretary and Treasurer of the Catalog Committee, I have been extremely busy in the background. Bank accounts have been opened for the incoming funds. Orders and inquiries for the Catalog have been pouring in and an orderly bookkeeping system has been established to avoid chaotic conditions. But, this is not a complaint. I love the work and so does Don and Cole. We only hope the membership will be pleased with the finished product when it is presented at the Huntington meeting on Saturday, October 1st.

In the meantime, I would hope that all NSCA members promote the book and our organization to others. We want and need a greater membership. Invite your friends to come and visit with us in Huntington. Remember -- you have nothing unless you are willing to give or share it with someone.

See you in Huntington !!

John R. Fliss

Token and
Medal Society

REPORT FROM ATLANTA MEETING FOR NSCA MEMBERS WHO BELONG TO TAMS

.....As time and space will permit, no many tokens in Atlanta!! I saw only a few common variety coal items and only a few lumber tokens!! The main scope of the ANA event continues, of course, to be coins and TAMS (as a splinter group) is limited in what they can do.... Possibly this will be changed in the future due to two things in the works: (1) The format of ANA is to be changed possibly at the event next year in Houston, Texas. All splinter groups (such as TAMS, Civil War, Elongated, Paper Money, etc.) will have morning meetings. The bourse will not open until 1 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. to permit additional social events and the annual auction sales of coins, etc. (2) The TAMS Board of Directors has appointed a special committee to investigate holding a token show and sale event immediately before the annual ANA convention at the same or a nearby hotel. At this event, tokens could be the major attraction.... If you have special feelings in this regard, please let Hal Dunn, Box 114, Carson City, Nevada 89701, have your comments... Hal is a NSCA member and incidentally won the Segel Award at TAMS for having the best article published in the TAMS Journal... The award was a big, big gold medal presented annually by TAMS and The Franklin Mint..... Rumor has it that Arlie Slabaugh (also a NSCA member) will be running for President of TAMS at Texas meeting.... Possible Board of Directors candidates include Hal Dunn, Walter Caldwell and Paul Cunningham.... Other candidates (who are also NSCA members) will be mentioned as we get word.... The Board members spent several hours discussing many token business matters at the Board meeting. It was interesting to note that the Julian book will cost approximately $70,000. for 3000 copies and it is a beautiful book... The organization is now taking orders at $35.00 per copy and they expect a large sale to libraries -- and we are worried about 1000 scrip catalogs at $16.00... Too, they expect the book to win many awards for printing layout, general design, etc.... Many people were shown the restrikes or counterfeit coal tokens and much information was learned. The Coin World people allowed me to make photostats of the Hobby Protection Law which will apply in connection with these tokens.... Too, Craigo is going to Dayton to talk with the management of Dayton Stencil about the items. The general concensus now is that some person - unknown to management - struck these tokens there at the plant from the dies that they still have... More on this in this issue and at the Huntington meeting on October 1st.... According to prices announced for printing some of the token books at ANA meeting, our group got a real good eal from the Roanoke printing concern.... A quote on a 128 page Alaska token book at $5181 was announced for 500 copies.... The approximate 750 page Kappen book on California tokens cost about $6400. for printing..... The editor of the TAMS Journal will be the new book editor also (Doug Watson) and his salary will be about $4,000.00 as announced at the TAMS meeting.... Incidentally, the cost of publishing the TAMS Journal amounts to approximately TWICE the total amount received from the dues of the approximate 1500 members... The investment income makes up the loss... TAMS received a donation years ago from the Franklin Mint of their stock and this accounts for their financial success.... Thus, you of NSCA can be giving thought to our publication expense as compared to TAMS.... Additional FREE ads are needed for the TAMS Journal and for the "Scrip Talk" bulletin... Why not send in ads on token items that you are looking for.... Incidentally, NSCA owes Paul Cunningham a big "thank you" for handling this chore each month.... (Too, Paul, we kindly want your expense account so that you can be reimbursed.).... John Fliss tells me that several hundred orders for Scrip Catalog have been received to this date.... we mailed all TAMS members information and the orders are rolling in.... Remember, get your orders in before October 1st to take advantage of pre-publication prices.... Bob Craigo had a wonderful display on the New River Company scrip at Atlanta meeting... Space gone for this time !! Hal

COUNTERFEIT OR RESTRIKE TOKENS NOW IN CIRCULATION !! NSCA MEMBERS ARE URGED TO HELP PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PERSON OR PERSONS OFFERING THESE FOR SALE !!

Briefly, here is the story as "Scrip Talk" presently has it !! Unfortunately, the full details are not presently available, thus, we need the help of all collectors in getting complete information on this matter !! Possibly, the complete details will be available at the Huntington meeting on Saturday, October 1. Here is what we presently know...

A few weeks ago, I received a phone call (unfortunately I did not record the caller's name) offering me some scrip and wanting to know what it was worth. I indicated that I could not make a blanket offer per piece and wanted to know how much and what companies he had. He mentioned some common ones and then said he had Northside Coal, Sara Runyon, Snap Creek, etc. indicating that he had about 90 pieces of the various companies. I told him to stop by and he mentioned something about stopping if he was in the area again. I do not know where the call came from but feel that he was in the area.

A few days later, a collector from this area brought in some of the pieces (as will be listed below) and I acquired some from him. He mentioned that he had approximately $3 in each of the approximate 100 tokens he had acquired. In examining the tokens, I found the nick on every $1 planchet (as discussed below and in the previous alert bulletin) and was curious about the about uncirculated, shiny condition of each of the pieces. I started checking around and found that this buyer, likewise, had no idea as to who the seller might be.

Another collector who had acquired some of the tokens got his from a small roadside market where the owner had purchased several of the tokens. This collector also mentioned that a friend had been in a service station in this area when a stranger making a phone call mentioned that he had some scrip to sell. This non-collector went to his car and observed what he called two or three bags full of scrip and tokens in the car.

Various phone calls were made and other attempts to get more details. Scriptor Craigo is helping on this investigation and may have additional information available for this issue in another section. Several calls have been exchanged with the officials of Dayton Stencil Company - successors to Ingle-Schierloh Co. They are very concerned with this matter since it appears that their dies have been used or exact counterfeit dies have been used to make this scrip. In the last call from them, they assured me that they did not manufacture the scrip (they did reveal one recent order which I will mention below). According to my information, the owner (Mr. Clem Jauch) is in his 80's and possibly not devoting full time to supervision of the firm. Scriptor Craigo tells me that the coal token dies are on the third or fourth floor of the firm's building and are not readily available to the other employees of the firm.

The Dayton Stencil folks felt earlier (as did Craigo and I) that the tokens came from Kentucky where they had processed an order for a lady and her husband to make jewelry. However, the Dayton folks made a special trip to Kentucky and assure us that this lady had purchased ONLY tokens from the Black Star Coal Co. They were sorry that the order had been processed and assured me that there was no intent on the lady's part to do anything improper.

COUNTERFEIT TOKENS OR RESTRIKES

Scriptor Craigo plans to make a trip to Dayton following the ANA convention and see what additional information he can turn up.

Incidentally, I failed to mention that the seller had some other type tokens, in addition to the coal scrip. I have not seen the other types but recall mention of a Dayton firm, a Texas firm, and possibly some type of Army tokens. Several of the area collectors purchased some of these other type tokens.

Too, the Tennessee, Coal, iron and Railroad Co. tokens came from this same source and they appear to be in the proper type white metal - with proper punch or cut - and also some Coonville Store tokens with and without C punch appear to have come from this same source.

WHAT SCARES THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF ME IS: HOW MANY OF THESE TOKENS WERE MADE? HOW MANY COLLECTORS HAVE ALREADY BOUGHT THEM AS WELL AS NON-COLLECTORS? WHAT OTHER MASTER METAL TOKENS WILL BE OFFERED IN THE FUTURE?

CONCLUSION: I feel that some person without the knowledge of the owners or officials of the Dayton Stencil Company made up a batch of coal tokens as well as other tokens and made a trip through this area offering the tokens as various spots to collectors and non-collectors. I feel that the original dies were used on the obverse and a stock die used for the reverse that in most cases did not match the reverse die of the original issue token. I feel that this was not a scrip collector and he just picked out some dies at random (who would want additional tokens of Leevale Colliers and Branch Coal & Coke, for example since there was a bountiful supply of these companies already on the market). I feel that a large supply of these were made (who would want to make only two or three of each company) and I feel that the blank planchets came from the same source as the dies... since the Tennessee Coal & Iron tokens appear to be the same metal as originals..

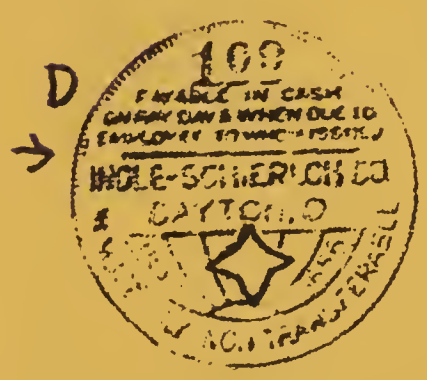
Following is the listing of the coal scrip tokens known to be in circulation as a result of being offered by this unknown person or persons: $1.00 tokens from: Ames Mining Co., Logan Div. - Branch Coal & Coke Co., Elverton, W.Va. - Coal Run Coal Co., Cunard, W.Va. - Consolidation Coal Co. Incorporated, Coalwood - J. A. Supply Co., Osage, W.Va. - Leevale Collieries, Inc., Leevale, W.Va. - Long Fuel Company, Lost Creek, W.Va. - New Howard Coal Co., Matewan, W.Va. - Sara Runyon, Nolan, W.Va. (might be coal related) - Snap Creek Coal Company, Logan, W.Va. 10¢ tokens from: Fort Branch Mining Co., Logan, W.Va. - Northside Coal Co. (Cambria, Va.) - Standard Fire Creek Coal Co., Beckley, W.Va. 5¢ tokens from: Northside Coal Co., Inc. and C. H. Mead Coal Co., No. 1 Store - East Gulf (W.Va.) 1, 5, 10, 50 and $1 tokens from: Tennessee, Coal, Iron and Railroad Co. 25¢ tokens from: Coonville Store Co. All of these tokens have the Master Metal Scrip (MM2) reverse.

Possibly, by consulting the Edkins catalog will we be able - in the future - to tell what is genuine and what is counterfeit or restrikes in the Master Metal scrip !!

More details and information on this as it becomes available !!

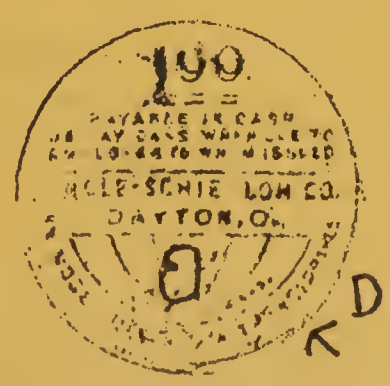
SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE COUNTERFEIT COAL SCRIP

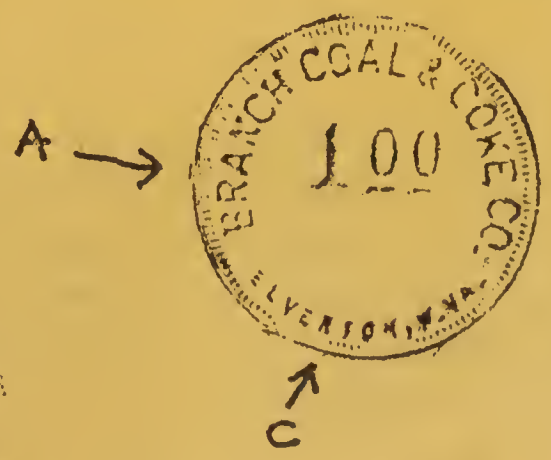
Altho my reproductions leave a lot to be desired, I hope that the following rubbings will give you something to check on in connection with the counterfeit material. I did not have readily available originals of most of the material, however, feel that the few items pictured will give a basis for my conclusions as presented in this article.

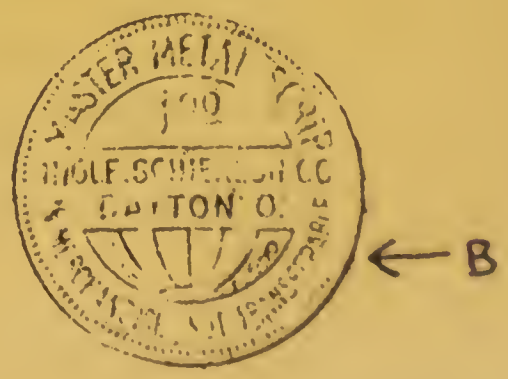


AMES MINING COMPANY - $1.00

The token on the left is the original from my collection. Note that it has a star type punch or cut and has what we identify in the "Scripident Chart" as an ISC2 reverse. The counterfeit item (or restrike, or whatever you call it) has no cut or punch mark and has the MM2 reverse. This same MM2 reverse, as mentioned, is on all of the questionable material. The letter "A" on the Ames token and on the Branch Coal & Coke token indicates the very tiny nick or jagged edge on the planchet. This same tiny piece of jagged metal is on all of the $1.00 tokens in this group of material. I do not know how it will reproduce on the electronic stencil machine but the arrow marks the location of the rough edge on the two pieces I have pictured. This nick can be easily located on the items by running your finger around the edge. The letter "B" on the Ames token and on the Branch token indicates a weak strike along the edge of the reverse. Not all of the letters are sharp on the counterfeit pieces.







BRANCH COAL & COKE CO., Elverton, W.Va. - $1.00

The token on the left is the original from my collection. Note that it has a "B' cut or punch and has the same ISC2 reverse as on the Ames original item. The counterfeit Branch token - on the right - has no cut or punch and has the same MM2 reverse as the Ames piece. Note too, that the strike is weak at the position indicated by the "B". The interesting item on the Branch token - and I hope that it shows in the reproduction - is that the letter "R" in Elverton on the original is slightly higher and out of line than the preceding letters... This same exact "out of line" "R" is evident on the counterfeit piece. This is indicated by the letter "C" in the two illustrations. The letter "D" indicates on the reverse of the Ames and Branch tokens the original ISC2 reverse dies as distinguished from the MM2 dies used on the counterfeits.

BLOCK COAL & COKE CORP., Block, Tenn. - 10¢ token

The original on the left from my collection is of war-time zinc metal and has the B cut or punch. The same ISC2 reverse is on the original. The counterfeit has no punch or cut and is of brass composition with the MM2 reverse die. Too, your attention is directed to the "E" section of each token - note the type of 1 used in the 10¢ and the spacing on both tokens... indicating that the original dies have been used on the obverse of this token - as well as all tokens in this listing - see my comments in the other portion of this article.

TENNESSEE COAL, IRON AND RAILROAD CO. - $1.00

This token cannot be compared with an original because I know of no collector that had one previously, however, these tokens came from the same source. They appear to be originals (restrikes) and instead of the brass - as in the others listed - this is in the white metal composition... Too, it has the TCI cut that is known on other tokens of this company.... Golly...??

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS !!

Remember...any new member signed now is paid in full until December, 1978 !! Balance of 1977 is FREE !! Dues are now $5.00 per year !!

Who will win the big trophy at the Spring 1978 meeting? YOU can be a winner for signing the most new members for NSCA....

See the application blank in this issue and sign a coal or lumber token collector today !!

420. Ed B. Caldwell, 6154 Cove Road, Roanoke, Va. 24019 (Davis)
421. Steve Akers, Drawer Y, Welch, West Va. 24801 (Hall)
422. Robert E. Hewitt, Box 432, Crab Orchard, West Va. 25827 (Snodgress)
423. Hubert L. Lucas, Jr., Box 52, Wilton, Ala. 35187 (Wood)
424. William J. Johnson, 109 Green St., Pontiac, Mich. 48053
425. Lloyd C. Walker, 1202 Smith, Lawton, Okla. 73501
426. Marvin E. Simon, 10 Gallup St., Westerly, Rhode Island 02891
427. Dean M. Ryder, 404 College St., Burlington, Vermont 05401
428. Bernie Marshfield, 4250 Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60613
429. R. E. Ulrich, 400 Fulton St., Riverton, New Jersey 08077

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A NEW DEVELOPMENT

The reference in this issue relating to coal tokens of Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company and to Coonville Stores is in ERROR !! These recently acquired tokens appear to be legitimate!! Thus, any reference to them being restrikes or counterfeit is withdrawn!!

I mistakenly listed them as coming from the same source as the other listed tokens and have now learned that this information was incorrect !!

Thus, it appears that the restrikes or counterfeits listed fit the same pattern - no cut or punch - the same MM2 reverse, etc.

Additional details as we learn them!

Walter Caldwell, Editor

THE COMPANY STORE

P. O. BOX 7624 · HOLLINS, VA. 24019

COLE S. CUTTLE, EDITOR & PUBLISHER

NOTE !! 1978 NOTE !!

SPRING MEET CHANGE

650 Jr. Women leaguers have taken over the Ramada Inn at Morgantown for our week-end in May, so we have moved to the Holiday Inn at Fairmont for Saturday, May 7th.

DETAILS LATER

OHIO MOVES AHEAD OF KENTUCKY AND PENNSYLVANIA !!

Ohio has moved up to second place in membership count of NSCA members edging out Kentucky and Pennsylvania. West Virginia continues to lead with 40 members - Ohio second with 33 - Kentucky close behind with 27 - Virginia in fourth spot with 23 members - Tennessee and Illinois tied for fifth place with 15 membes each.. Seventh place goes to Pennsylvania with 15 members - Florida with 13 and California with 13 tie for eighth place. Alabama claims tenth place with 10 members... If we had one or more members from the following states, we would have all 50 states represented: Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming.. What say, you present members... got any coal or lumber token collector friends in these states ??

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WANTED !! Hollywood Coal Company 25¢... will trade any one of the following: $10 Quinnimont Coal Co. - $1 Export Coal Co. - $1 Croft & Evans - $1 Lanark Fuel Co. - 25¢ Nelson Fuel Co. Or 1¢ Rock Lick Smokeless Coal Co.
HARRY C. SKAGGS, BOX 141, MOUNT HOPE, W.VA. 25880

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WANTED
COAL SCRIP TOKENS
BOUGHT and TRADED

ROY J. WOOD
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CHILDERSBURG, AL. 35044

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Tecumseh, Michigan 49286

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1. Ad will be limited to four lines (approx. 40 words) in each issue.
2. Each issue ad must be different. No standing ad copy permitted.
3. FREE to NSCA current paid members only.
4. All ad copy must be forwarded within 10 days of receipt of current issue to Classified Editor at address shown.....

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Latigo Mining Co., Latigo, I.T.; One stick of powder one side, my personal the other. Send a trade token with city and state or a SASE.
Clarence Ziegler 2705 Grace Rd. Port Huron, MI 48060

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K. Kolb, Mascoutah, IL; singles or set needed for my collection. Will pay top price. Still need 1¢ thru 10¢ Ginzel tokens.
George Owen 2428 N. Lincoln Chicago, IL 60624

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Trade for Mississippi tokens: L.T. Milan (Jackson, TN) $5; E.F. Powers Constr. Co., W. Palm Beach, FL, $1; E.M.B.A., Mobile Mill 50¢; Ward Lbr. Syndicate, Benton, AL 10¢; Yarborough Lbr. Co., Johnson, AL, 10¢; have others.
George Chatham 813 W. Gresham Indianola, MS 38751

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Send for huge list of Misc. tokens (no coal) for trade for swastikas, Bruns. Balke pool tokens, good trans. tokens and tokens advertising national brands.
Dan Benice 19611 Brassie Place Gaithersburg, MD 20760

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Wanted: Georgia trade and advertising tokens; R.M. Rose Co., Exonumia and Adolph Hitler portrait medals, tokens, pins, etc.
R.W. Colbert 4156 Livsey Rd. Tucker, GA 30084

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Medals or tokens issued for Kentucky Derby wanted. will trade coal scrip, medals or will buy.
Jerome Schaefer, Jr. 705 Philadelphia Covington, KY 41011

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Wanted: coal mine exploders, tokens good for dynamite caps, detonator, powder, etc. Also want canning factory tokens; buy or trade.
Robert Gantner 829 W. Melin ST. Port Washington, WS 53074

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Sprinkle will buy, sell or trade Jenny Lind medals, tokens and buttons. I want sample scrip and 1864 half dimes; have fantastic 115 different piece set of American Coal Company available.
Frank Sprinkle Box 864 Bluefield, WV 24701

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Tom will trade scrip from OH, WV and VA for WV merchant tokens. Please describe!
Tom Hitt Box 970 Defiance, OH 43512

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Scrip collection for sale" 265 complete sets of 5 pieces or more; about 500 part sets; approx. pieces in collection is 2550. Line items in listing 785, in alphabetical order. All scrip is in 2x2 holders and housed in 14 3 ring binders; 65 page typewritten listing.
James R. Cooper 2713 Cumberland Ave. Middlesboro, KY 40965

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Carbon Fuel $5 pieces, O-2 and ISC-1 SCAL, backward C cutout, to trade for sets or needed scrip. Have 10 matched pairs.
B.C. Cheuvront Box 14 Timberville, VA 22853

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We just lassoed a Verne Coal Co. token from Saginaw, Michigan, and we want another to keep it company. $$ available! See you in OCT.
Paul Cunningham Box 1 Tecumseh, MI 49286

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THIS SPACE IS MADE AVAILABLE IN EACH ISSUE OF "SCRIP TALK" FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERS !! WHY NOT MAKE USE OF THE FREE SPACE TO TRADE YOUR DUPLICATE COAL AND LUMBER TOKENS.... REMEMBER, THE COPY FOR THE AD MUST BE CHANGED FOR EACH ISSUE AND ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING ADS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECT TO SCRIPTOR PAUL CUNNINGHAM AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN.... MEMBERS REPORT A GOOD RESPONSE FROM THEIR ADS IN PAST ISSUES.....

"HOW MUCH SHOULD I BID ??"

By: John R. Fliss

We are all confronted with this question from time to time in our token sales. How much is the token worth? Is it common or scarce or rare? Is it a desirable addition to my collection? Is it a key denomination? These are relatively simple questions but the answers are somewhat difficult to arrive at.

To begin you must try to understand something about the token being sought. How common is it? How many times have you seen it offered in sales? What did it sell for in past auctions? You can store only a certain amount of such information in your mind. Help is obviously needed. As an aid, I personally keep a record of past sales and I keep it in an orderly fashion so that I can locate the information instantly. All tokens are listed alphabetically under company name with denomination, type, size, composition, shape, price realized, and all other pertinent data noted. Trying to find information about a specific token from a stack of past auction catalogs can be time consuming and very frustrating. Listing them as mentioned initially takes a little time but it certainly is convenient later. And, you have the beginnings of a good reference work. With such information at your finger tips you can interpret the value of the token more clearly because you possess a number of starting points. Type, denomination, sale price etc. are available at a glance for comparison purposes. You know your product fairly well and can bid with some confidence. Those tokens listed with a minimum bid (MB) or estimated value (Est) offer a good starting point. But even here you must be careful because these values may be inflated.

All the above means very little, however, if you want a token badly enough. If it is an elusive key piece to complete a set or a desirable rare piece, then logic does not prevail. You bid as you please! And, don't expect special bargains when bidding. Ridiculous bids will generally be rejected by all sellers. The "something for nothing" approach just doesn't work. Only the uninformed will let something get away.

Most dealers describe their merchandise accurately and are honest in their dealings. They offer "Prices Realized" lists free or for a small fee to successful bidders. Insist on these for they are ideal and necessary references for future bidding. Some dealers also reduce your bid to 10% above the next highest bid on moderate to expensive items. This is a welcome policy and allays the buyer's fears of excessive bidding. Try to find out if this is the seller's policy if not openly stated in his bidding rules.

When tokens on which I have no background information are offered for sale my general rule is to stay away from them or possibly enter only a very modest bid. I don't acquire very many tokens in this manner but I don't get stung either.

I hope these observations, comments, and guidelines are helpful to Scrip Talk readers. They have worked fairly well for me in past years and have enabled me to form a modest collection at a reasonable cost. But, even with this system, I still win some and lose some.

Good luck and better bidding in the future.

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Editor's Note: I feel sure that John's comments will bring some replies. Let me have your comments for the next issue !! As I have mentioned many, many times, many NSCA members record the price realized on all lots and have a wealth of information available on current coal and lumber token values... Too, the new catalog should prove valuable !! Have you ordered your copy ??

MAVERICK LUMBER TOKENS -- Copyright 1977 by TERRY N. TRANTOW
P. O. Box 524, Ellensburg, Washington 98926

Can you identify any of these mavericks ?? If so, please correspond with Mr. Trantow

American Lumber Co./slotted hole (tool check) blank reverse BS 31 RD
Atkins & Garred's /5/Commissary Timbermans Order/5/for merchandise WM 18 RD
Will Barnes Wood Yard Phone 1739 (all incuse) /Kiln Dried/ Heavy/Oak reverse blank BS 28 RD
5/C. W. Bonds/5 IS14 reverse BS 19½ RD
Bradley Independent/Teamster/Check/Lbr. Co. 100 BS 28 RD
G. F. Merchandise only/Bradley/Lumber/Company's/Commissary/Not Transferable BiM 21 Rd
This check may be attributable to Warren, Arkansas
Brown & Co's/Commissary GF/5¢/in/M'D'SE only BS 19 RD
One Meal/C.W.L. Co. reverse unknown BS 27 x 53 rect. May be Clark & Wilson, Prescott, AR
Drake/Tie/Co. G F/5/in merchandise AL 21 RD
Oertell Collins-Forest City Lumber Co./ Tel. 2-0115 1946 encased cent AL 25x40 horseshoe
Eagleville 50¢/time/check/ Reedeemable/from/mill/hands/only
Holman-Hughes Lumber Co./(signature)/G F/25/in merchandise BiM 27 Rd 10-50-100
Supposedly from Columbia, Tenn.
Jackson & Rollins/50/ IS14 reverse BS 30½ Rd Supposedly from Florida
Jewells Lbr. Co. (Florida)
L.F.C./Commissary Good For/5¢ AL 21 RD
Leidigh & Henson/-.-/Lbr Co/-.-/Drayage/-.- 50¢ incuse BS 22 RD 75¢ incuse BS 25 RD
$1.00 incuse BS 28 RD
Luger Lbr. Co 5 BS RD
J. W. McDaniel/-.-/Lumber Co./-.-/Inc. G F/5/in merchandise BS 21 RD
McGaughey & Moore/Yellow/*/Pine/*/Lumber
Wade-McHenry Lumber Co. G F/..*../1.00/..*../in merchandise BS 32½ RD
McKinley Land & Lbr. Co./General/Merchandise/Sawyer G F/5/in/merchandise Al 21 RD
Mecca Lumber Company G F/5/in merchandise AL 19 RD G F/10/in merchandise AL 25 RD
R. Meyer, Mill Creek Camp, Los Molinos unknown 50 BS RD
H. L. Milkien Lumber Co/HLM Co. (in script) GF/25¢/in/merchandise AL 25½ RD
New Dominion Lumber Company
Norman & Garner/Mfgrs/Heart pine/Shingles G F/5¢/in merchandise BS 19 RD
Pace Lumber Co/Not/Transferable D. Wallace/5 AL 20 RD
It has been pine-o-processed/ North Western/Fuel Co./Grenadier/Stoker Coal, The only
genuine/Millers Creek/Note the Fragrance Northwestern Lumbermens Association/1890/
50th Anniversary/1940 BS 32 RD The NW Lumbermens Hq is in Minnesota. May be
Miller Creek, N.C.
G F/ merchandise/at/Picolita/N/S Co./Store 100 AL 30 RD supposedly lumber Florida
Providence Lumber Mfg. Company
Purvis Lumber Mills 5 BS RD
Red Cypress Shingle Co.'s/Time/check/not/transferable/D.G.O. & McB G F/50¢/
merchandise Same only 5¢ BS RD 18½ p/p Wright #872
G F/in $100 trade/J.A. Rentz/Lumber Co. G F/$100/in/merchandise AL 34 RD
Commissary No. 1/5¢/S. & C. L. Co. Good only for/5¢/in/merchandise BS 22 OC
S & M/ Lbr. Co. G F/1¢/merchandise AL 20 RD
South West City Lumber Co./100 (incuse) reverse blank BS 23 RD
Steele Lumber Co./1937/Store G F/10¢/in merchandise
Thompson & Bailey/Lumber/Manufacturers/not/transferable G F/*5*/in/merchandise BS 21 RD
Warren Commissary/Pay Bearer/25¢/in trade/W.L.Co. GF/25/cents Red fibre 25 RD
Wassermann Lumber Company
Werden/Lumber/Company G F/50/in trade BS 24 RD G F/100/in trade BS 24 RD
White River Stave Company
At W.J. Whitely Lumber Cmpany Store Good for 10¢ in merchandise
Martin/Fir G F 10¢ in trade CU 27 RD
In every 25¢ of all/Southern Income/is 5¢/Forest money Your own/wooden 5 nickel/
Protect the forest wood 22 RD light blue May be So. Forest Institute, Atlanta
M. S. & N. I. R.R., E. & N. Div. 1/2 cord
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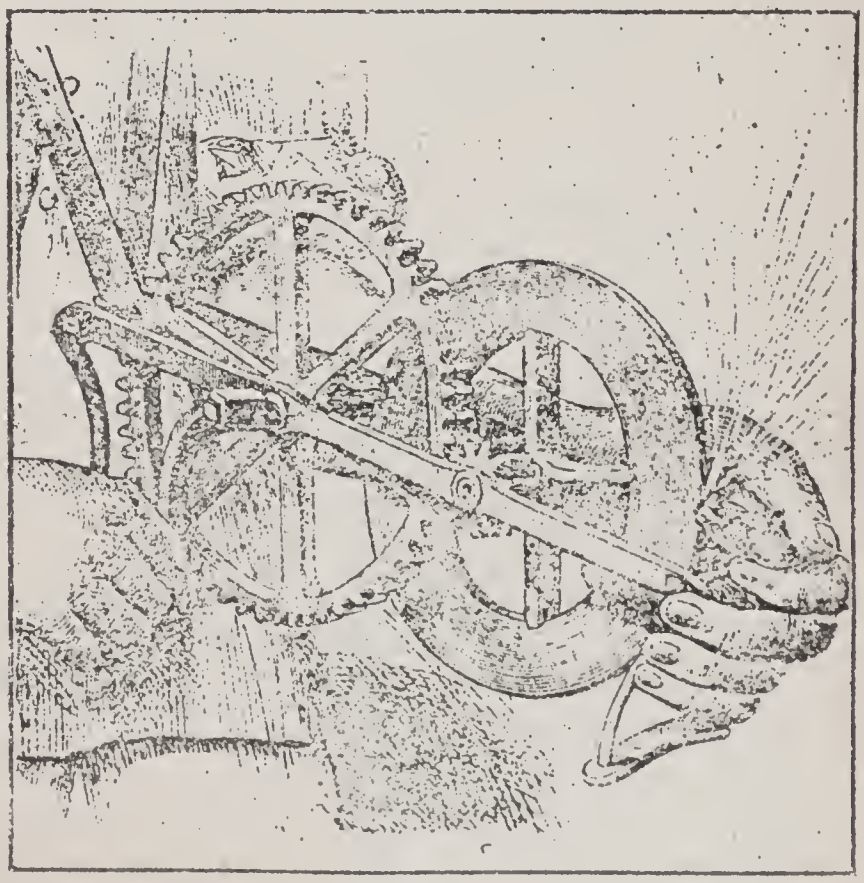
THE COAL SCUTTLE

We all accept that which we see around us as the standard way to do something. A child today is accustomed to incandescent lighting, giving little thought to oil lamps or illuminating gas. And in the days of oil and gas, little thought was given to the prior use of open lamps of animal oils or rushes.

So it is with lighting in mines. Prior to the battery powered electric head lamps there were carbide lamps, and before them were open lights (naked lamps) using "sunshine oil". Before the open lamps there were open dishes, made of iron, in which floated pieces of wick; also cat-tails or rushes dipped in animal fat. All these made for a noxious condition in the close confines of a mine, and hardly a safe condition.

Fire-damp (methane) always exists in coal mines and has always presented a problem. "Prior to the invention of the safety lamp, several ingenious appliances were used to shed light in mines which gave off explosive mixtures of fire-damp.[i] After an explosion fresh herrings were sometimes taken underground, the scales of which emitted a feeble light to a rescuing band of explorers.[ii] But the steel mill, invented by James Spedding of Whitehaven, England, in 1775, was the chief reliance to light the subterranean workers in searching for the living and the dead involved in a fire-damp catastrophe.



This machine consisted of a small iron frame upon which two wheels were mounted. The miner set the wheels in motion by turning a crank with the right hand; he held a piece of flint against one of the wheels with the other, which emitted a succession of luminous sparks that created a feeble ray of light in the surrounding darkness. This machine was also used for lighting up the workings of mines which gave off fire-damp in such volume that a naked light could not be used in mining the coal. It was a very expensive manner of mining, as it required one man to turn the crank of the machine to give light to another who was digging

the coal. Since no better method was known of lighting up the workings of mines, which gave off an explosive mixture of fire-damp, the steel mill was in general use until Sir Humphrey Davy discovered the safety lamp in the year 1816."

We show here a sketch of such a steel mill.

(i) Fire-damp; a mixture of explosive gases containing methane.

(ii) Bio-luminescence on fish scales is caused by bacteria growing on the surface.

The above description has been taken from "A History of Coal Miners", by Andrew Roy, 1907.

August 11, 1977 Cole S. Cuttle

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A REMINDER!!

A large trophy will be presented to the member having the best article published in "SCRIP TALK" before the date of the Spring 1978 meeting.. A large trophy will also be presented to the member signing the most new members by the date of the Spring 1978 meeting...

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NSCA -- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: ______________________

MAILING ADDRESS: ______________________

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AGE: ____ APPROX. NO. OF SCRIP TOKENS: ________

By submission of this application, I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Scrip Collectors Association.

MAIL TO: Walter Caldwell, Secretary - P. O. Box 29, Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840

Recommended by: ______________________

ANNUAL DUES - $5.00

::::: COLONEL CALDWELL'S MAIL AUCTION SALE NUMBER 43 -- CLOSING DATE: OCT - 7 1977 :::::

MORE $5.00 TOKENS FROM THE DONOHOE COLLECTION AT YOUR BID PRICE

39. GIBSON FUEL CO. 04 '42 brass keyhole cut
40. GAULEY MOUNTAIN COAL Ansted Orco 1 bckwd Z cut brass
41. GAULEY MOUNTAIN COAL Jodie 04 '48 bckwd Z cut brass
42. GAULEY MOUNTAIN COAL Jodie Orco 1 bckwd R cut brass
43. GREENWOOD COAL CO. $10 ICS mushroom type brass
44. GENERAL STORES DIV. Orco 2 parens type cut brass
45. HAWTHORNE COAL & COKE 04 '49 brass solid AU cond
46. HATFIELD CAMPBELL CREEK 04 '50 H cut brass
47. IMPERIAL COLLIERY Orco 1 brass I cut
48. JELLICO SPLINT COAL MM1 brass solid AU condition
49. JEWELL RIDGE COAL CORP Orco 4 no date J cut
50. KOPPERS STORES INC Orco 2 parens cut brass escalloped
51. KENDALL LUMBER CO Orco 1 niplt br V cut
52. LOGAN COUNTY COAL 04 '46 bckwd R cut brass
53. LOGAN COUNTY COAL 04 '47 bckwd R cut brass
54. LOGAN COUNTY COAL 04 '48 bckwd R cut brass
55. LOGAN COUNTY COAL 04 '46 bckwd L cut brass
56. LOGAN COUNTY COAL 04 '47 bckwd L cut brass
57. LOUTRE LUMBER CO. $2 token brass solid unk mfg
58. LAKE SUPERIOR COAL Orco 1 s counterstamp brass bckwd LS cut
59. LEADER SUPPLY CO. $10 bimetal escalloped unk mfg
60. LEADER SUPPLY CO. bimetal octogan shape unk mfg
61. LIBERTY TRADING CO. bimetal unk mfg oct shape
62. LIBERTY TRADING CO. $10 bimetal escalloped unk mfg
63. LAUREL CREEK COAL CO. ISC1 bar cut brass
64. LAUREL CREEK COAL CO. $10 niplt brass bar cut ISC1
65. MAPLE STORE CO. $10 brass solid unk mfg
66. EC MINTER COAL alum double cut 5 & anchor ICS
67. MADERA TRADING CO. bimetal AU cond unk mfg
68. MADERA TRADING CO. $10 bimetal unk mfg
69, MAPLE STORE CO. brass solid unk mfg
70. NUGYM STORE 04 '41 white metal N cut escalloped
71. NORTON COAL CO. Orco 1 brass bckwd N cut
72. NEW RIVER CO. 04 '48 9 Skelton cut brass
73. NEW RIVER CO. 04 '39 1 Mt. Hope cut brass
74. NEW RIVER CO. 04 no date 6 Summerlee cut brass
75. OGLEBAY NORTON CO. MM2 white metal escalloped solid
76. PIONEER COAL CO. $2 brass solid unknown mfg
77. PAGE MINING CO. 04 '39 bckwd P cut brass
78. PRESTON COUNTY SUPPLY octogan brass solid unk mfg
79. RHODELL COAL CO. Orco 1 bckwd RC cut whitemetal
80. RUM CREEK COAL ICS double cut 5 & 7 brass
81. RUM CREEK COAL ICS double cut 5 & 6
82. RAVEN RED ASH COAL ICS brass boomerang type cut
83. RICHWOOD STORE CO. alum solid octogan unk mfg
84. STANLEY COAL CO. Orco 1 V cut brass
85. SIMPSON CREEK COLLIERIES bckwd SC cut br Orco 1
86. STAR COAL & COKE CO. ISC1 brass solid
87. STRAIGHT FORK COAL Pitchfork wm solid unk mfg
88. UPLAND COAL & COKE CO. ICS brass mushroom type cut
89. VIRGINIA LEE CO. 04 '40 octogan cut brass
90. VIRGINIA JELLICO COAL Orco 1 brass pick cut
91. WYATT COAL CO. 04 '47 white metal bowtie cut
92. WINDING GULF COLLIERIES $4.00 token - ISC2 brass - 4 cut
93. WINDING GULF COLLIERIES $10 token ISC1 W cut
94. WANDA MINING COMPANY 04 '48 brass solid
95. WARNER COLLIERIES 04 '45 brass solid
96. WYATT COAL CO. 04 '47 white metal pick cut

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LOT 97. The above listed 76 tokens as one lot !! If your bid exceeds the individual bids on these items, the entire group goes as one lot !! Incidentally, it would be better to keep this collection of higher denomination tokens intact as it would be extremely difficult to duplicate this collection presently !! Why not make a good bid on the entire lot and have yourself a fine collection of hard to locate tokens ??

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A SELECTION OF $1.00 TOKENS PERSONALLY SELECTED AS THE BEST AVAILABLE FOR THE DONOHOE COLLECTION... PLEASE NOTE THE LISTINGS CAREFULLY FOR VARIETIES THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE IN YOUR COLLECTION...

98. AMERICAN COAL Pinnacle 02 br A cut
99. AMERICAN COAL Pinnacle ICS br A cut
100. AMERICAN COAL Crane Creek Orco 2 bckwd C cut br
101. AMERICAN COAL Crane Creek ICS C cut brass
102. AMERICAN COAL Crane Creek Orco 2 C cut brass
103. AMERICAN COAL Crance Creek ICS A cut brass
104. AMERICAN COAL Piedmont Orco 2 white bckwd P cut
105. AMERICAN COAL Piedmont IS14 P cut niplt brass
106. AVIS EAGLE COAL Lyburn ISC2 white metal solid
107. AMES MINING CO. ISC2 star type cut brass (marked rare)
108. ASHER STATE & LUMBER Orco 2 br anchor type cut
109. ACME LIMESTONE CO. Fort Spring WV wm 02 bckwd AL cut
110. BRIAR CREEK BLACK BAND C. 04 '40 keyhole cut br
111. BIRCHTON COAL Birchton WV bckwd B cut Orco 2 brass
112. BASIC SUPPLY CO. Eskdale MM1 ctrst 2 br solid
113. BOWLING COAL MINING CO. Bardo Ky br solid unk mfg
114. BASIC SUPPLY CO. Eskdale MM1 ctrst M br solid
115. BIRCH FORK COAL Orco 1 B cut brass
116. BLACKWOOD FULE CO. Orco 4 '48 brass keyhole cut
117. BENEDICT COAL CORP Orco 4 '40 bckwd B cut brass
118. BESSEMER COAL IRON & LMBR Orco 1 br solid
119. BLANKENSHIP & MULLINS MM1 brass solid
120. BLACK BAND CONSOL ICS brass H cut
121. BELVA STORES CO. Four Mile Ky brass solid unk mfg
122. BALLARD J E (Spruce River Coal) br solid unk mfg
123. BIRCH FORK COAL ICS B cut brass
124. BELVA STRAIGHT CREEK STORES br solid unk mfg
125. BELVA STORES CO. Four Mile Ky brass olid unk mfg
126. BANNER RAVEN COAL ICS B cut brass
127. BALLANGEE S C Amigo WV Orco 2 white metal keyhole cut
128. BRANCH COAL & COKE IS14 white metal B cut
129. BOLEN COAL CO. (Fireco WV) ICS br (marked very scarce)
130. BEELICK KNOB COAL ISC1 ctrst O nipl br solid
131. BEELICK KNOB COAL ICS ctrst O solid niplt brass

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MORE CHOICE $1.00 TOKENS FROM THE DONOHOE COLLECTION AT YOUR BID PRICES !! NOTE CAREFULLY VARIETIES OFFERED !!

132. CHILTON EAGLE COAL ISC1 brass solid
133. COALBURG COLLIERY CO. brass solid ISC1 mfg
134. CADLE RIDGE COAL CO. brass solid ICS
135. CAMPBELL, AD & SON (Yerkes Ky) brass solid IS14 mfg
136. CAMPBELL, AD & SON brass solid unk mfg
137. COE POCAHONTAS COAL CO. (Covel WV) brass ICS top type cut
138. COALBURG COLLIERY CORPORATION brass solid ISC1
139. COAL RUN COAL CO. (Cunard WV) brass ICS flame type cut
140. CHILTON BLOCK COAL CO. Orco 2 white metal bowtie cut
141. COALBURG KANAWHA MINING CO. Brass Orco 2 bckwd K cut
142. CAMBRIA COAL CO. nipIt br MM1 crown design
143. COLEMAN FUEL CO. brass solid unk mfg bird picture
144. CRYSTAL COAL & COKE CO. brass R cut IS14
145. CENTRAL POCAHONTAS COAL CO. Brass solid ISC1
146. CLEAR FORK COAL CO. INC. white metal Orco 2 solid
147. DRY BRANCH COAL CO. nipIt brass DB cut ISC2
148. DAVIS COLLIERY COMPANY (Gilmer WV) Orco 1 brass
149. DIXPORT COAL COMPANY white metal D cut ISC2 mfg
150. DOUGLAS COAL COMPANY brass coal car picture IS14
151. DOUGLAS COAL COMPANY brass coal car picture MM2 mfg
152. DIXPORT COAL COMPANY brass D cut ISC2
153. DUNCAN, WG COAL COMPANY Graham Ky brass solid unk mfg
154. ELK CREEK COAL CO. white metal mushroom cut 04 '51
155. ETHEL BLOCK COAL CO. white metal bowtie cut Orco 1
156. EDNA GAS COAL CO. arrow up cut brass Orco 1
157. EARLSTON COAL CO. brass E cut ICS
158. ELMO MINING CO. THE brass mushroom cut ICS
159. FAYETTE JELLICO COAL CO. nipIt br solid 04 '47 mfg
160. FERN COAL CO. nipIt br diamond cut Orco 1
161. FORT BRANCH MINING CO. brass solid ISC1
162. FIRE CREEK FUEL CO. Ctrst TEELS nipIt br ISC2
163. FALL BRANCH COAL COMPANY brass arrow up cut Orco 1 mfg
164. GULF MINING COMPANY STORE keyhole cut wm 04 '45
165. GULF COAL COMPANY triangle cut zinc ICS
166. GUYAN EAGLE STORES keyhole cut brass 04 '51
167. GLOGORA COAL COMPANY keyhole cut brass ICS
168. GULF SMOKELESS COAL CO. wm oct cut ICS mfg
169. GAY COAL & COKE COMPANY, THE brass C cut MM2
170. GAULEY MOUNTAIN COAL CO. bckwd Z cut Jodie 04 '48
171. GENERAL STORES DIVISION sq wm parens cut unk mfg
172. GAULEY MOUNTAIN COAL CO. bckwd R cut Jodie Orco 1
173. GUYAN EAGLE STORES nipIt br keyhole cut 04 '51
174. GAY COAL & COKE COMPANY THE C cut br MM2 mfg
175. GULF SMOKELESS COAL CO. nipIt br oct cut Orco 2

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LOT 176 - BID ON ENTIRE LOT OF 78-$1.00 TOKENS AS ONE LOT !! If you bid exceeds the total of individual bids you will be awarded the entire lot from the Donohoe collection !!

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A FEW OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND PART SET ITEMS TO CLOSE OUT THIS PORTION OF SALE - BETTER CHECK CLOSELY FOR SLEEPERS !!

176. ANDERSON'S D W CASH STORE 10¢ br solid IS09
177. AMERICAN COAL CO. THE 25 50 $1 nipIt br P cut IS14 (3 pcs)
178. AMIGO COAL CO. 1¢ br solid ISC2 - 5¢ brass A cut ISC2 - $1 nipIt br solid IS09 (3 pcs)
179. A. S. R. (A.S. Russell) HAWK'S NEST - Good for 5¢ in trade - Saloon token - unknown mfg - around 1900 -
180. AMHERST FUEL CO. Toney Fork WV 4 cut nipIt br ICS
181. ALGOMA BLOCK COAL CO. 10¢ wm lg A cut ICS mfg
182. BORDERLAND COAL CORP. Borderland WV - 10 - 25 - 50 brass - large 1 cut - Orco 1 mfg
183. BROCKMAN C A INC. Stone Cliff WV - 5¢ wm solid ISC1 - 10¢ brass solid ISC1 - and 25¢ wm solid Orco 2 (3 pcs)
184. BUFFALO WINIFREDE COAL CO. $1 br solid Orco 2
185. BUFFALO WINIDREDE COAL CO. Chattaroy WV 50¢ br solid 02
186. BRADY, A SPATES 1915 alum 50 & $1 solid unk mfg
187. BLUE STAR STORE CO. 5,10 25 club cut MM1 & 2 (3 pcs)
188. BLUE DIAMOND COAL Leona Mines 5¢ wm 04 '41
189. BUCKEYE COAL & COKE 10,25 50 solid Orco 2 (3 pcs)
190. BURK SUPPLY COMPANY 5¢ & $1 hard rubber? solid unk
191. BRANCH COAL & COKE 25.50 $1 nipIt br B cut IS14 mfg
192. BANKS, B D Seth WV 10¢ alum solid unk mfg
193. BLUE DIAMOND COAL Toner Ky 5¢ br diamond cut Orco 4
194. BARDO COAL MINING CO 5¢ & 10@ brass solid unk mfg
195. BOONE COUNTY COAL CORP 2 diff 5¢ and 10¢ Orco mfg (3 pcs)
196. BECKLEY FIRE CREEK COAL CO. Penman WV large 1¢ Orco 4 and small 1¢ Orco 4 plus $1 brass Orco 4 (3 pcs)
197. BELL COAL COMPANY Little Creek Ky - Alum oct bell cut Good for one stick powder - Same brass Good for dynamite cap (2 pcs)
198. BLUE DIAMOND COAL Path Fork Ky 5¢ wm diamond cut
199. BOTTOM CREEK C & C CO. 50¢ brass V cut IS14 mfg
200. BELVA STORES CO. Four Mile Ky $1 br solid unk mfg
201. BELVA STRAIGHT CREEK STORES CO $1 brass solid unk mfg
202. BOOTH SUPPLY CO. Booth WV - 1¢ br odd cut Orco 3 and 5¢ wm same cut Orco 2 (2 pcs)
203. BROUGHTON COAL CO. 10¢ br bckwd BC cut Orco 1
204. BUNKER SUPPLY CO. 5¢ and 10¢ triangle cut 04 '41 (2 pcs)
205. COALBURG COLLIERY CO. 2 diff $1 brass solid - 25¢ and 50¢ (4 pcs) ISC1 mfg
206. CHESAPEAKE SUPPLY CO. Chesapeake Mine (WV) 5¢ brass solid ICS

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MORE, MUCH MORE COMING UP FROM THE DONOHOE COLLECTION IN THE NEXT MAIL AUCTION SALE -- DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE TOKENS !!

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+++++ COLONEL CALDWELL'S MAIL AUCTION SALE NUMBER 43 -- CLOSING DATE: **OCT - 7 1977** +++++

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MORE FROM THE FABULOUS DONOHOE COLLECTION ::::

STARTING THIS SALE WITH A PORTION OF THE 1¢ COLLECTION ::: (- Check carefully for new varities for your collection!)

1. THE NEW RIVER COMPANY - A collection of 19 all diff. 1¢ tokens - all alum - backward cut is store location - Many of these locations are no longer available in any quantity: In fact, a recent study of the tokens in storage reveals that there are NONE of some of the locations available !! Better latch onto this collection at your bid price !! 1-Mount Hope; 2-Scarbro; 3-Carlisle; 4-Whipple; 5-Cranberry; 6-Summerlee; 7-Lochgelly; 8-Sprague; 9-Skelton; 10-Wickham; 11-Stanaford; 11Gcounterstamp-Prudence; 12-Harvey; 13-Glen Jean; 14-Price Hill; 15-Kilsyth; K-Kilsyth; 16-Oswald; and M-Mabscott.

ALL 1¢ TOKENS IN FOLLOWING LOTS ::

2. ASHLAND COAL & COKE zinc ISC2 heart cut; Amherst Coal Co. 04-'48 and 04-'50 A cut br; Amherst Coal Co. 04-'51 (4 pcs)
3. AMIGO COAL CO. br ISC2 solid; AMERICAN ROLLING MILL Nellis 03 triangle cut; AMERICAN EAGLE COLLIERIES ISC2 -70 cut; AMHERST COAL CO. 03 top style cut; ANCHOR COAL CO. 03 small size and 03 large size bckwd HL cut (6 pcs)
4. A & G GROCERY Coeburn Va 01 br bar cut; ALMA EAGLE COAL CO br solid ISC2; BUNKER SUPPLY CO. 04'41 br and 04'41 alum BLACK STAR COAL ISC2 escalloped; BORGMAN SUPPLY CO. br solid MM2; THE AMERICAN COAL CO Pinnacle 02 solid alum (7 pcs)
5. BECKLEY FIRE CREEK COAL 04 br Utype cut; BLUE DIAMOND COAL Bonny Blue Va 04'48 br solid; BUCHANAN COUNTY COAL 03 br; R J BLANKENSHIP Bcut br MM2; BORDERLAND COLLIERIES wm solid 02; BOONE SUPPLY CO 04'51 bckwd D cut (6 pcs)
6. BLACK BAND COAL 04'39 solid; BOONE COUNTY COAL Sharples WV 02 br solid; BIRCH MINING CO. 04'48 bckwd B br; BRULE SMOKELESS 04'46 bckwd B wm; BUCKEYE COAL & COKE 03 br; BLACKWOOD COAL & COKE ISC2 br solid; (6 pcs)
7. BANNER FUEL CORP. 04 nodate bckwd B cut; BRANCH COAL & COKE ISC2 zinc B cut; BIRCHTON COAL 03 br bckwd B; BUXTON & LANDSTREET Kempton Kcut MM2; BUXTON & LANDSTREET Thomas Tcut MM2; BUXTON & LANDSTREET Pierce Pcut MM1; (6 pcs)
8. BUXTON & LANDSTREET Boswell Bcut MM1; RG BAILEY'S STORE Bcut MM2; BLUE DIAMOND STORES 03 wm diamond cut; CONTINENTAL STORE CO 8cut 03 brass; HA & OL CASTO 03 br solid; CHILTON EAGLE ISC2 br solid; (6 pcs)
9. COAL RUN COAL CO. ISC2 br flame type cut; CAPERTON & CAPERTON IS09 br solid; CRANBERRY FUEL CO. No. 3 ICS br key-stone cut ; CRANBERRY FUEL No. 2 ICS br arrow down cut; CLEAN EAGLE COAL ISC2 br solid; (5 pcs)
10. CONSOLIDATION COAL Monongah oct br solid 02; CONSOLIDATION COAL Monongah red fiber solid 02; CLEAR FORK COAL br solid 03; CARTER COAL Coalwood 03 bowtie cut; CHRISTIAN COLLIERY 03 bckwd C uct br; (5 pcs)
11. COALBURGH KANAWHA MINING 03 br solid; THE CARBON FUEL CO. 02 br and 03 br bckwd CF cut; CANNELTON COAL CO. 03 br diamond cut; CANNELTON COAL 04 no date alum diamond type cut; CONSOLIDATION RECEIVERS Monongah 02 br sld (6 pcs)
12. CONSOLIDATION COAL Burdine T cut 01 br; TRUSTEES CONSOLIDATION COAL Monongah oct solid br02; CHILTON BLOCK COAL 03 br bowtie cut; CONSOLIDATION COAL Monongah 01 br solid; CLEAR CREEK COAL ISC2 C cut br (5 pcs)
13. CONTINENTAL STORE CO MM2 br solid; CROZER COAL & COKE MM2 br ; CONSOLIDATION COAL Caretta MM1 cc cut; THE DOUGLAS COMPANY ISC2 wm solid; DELL COAL COMPANY ICS br solid; DETROIT MINING CO. 01, 02, 04'47 (8 pcs)
14. DIXPORT COAL CO. ISC2 br solid; DRY BRANCH COAL CO. ISC2 br solid; DAWSON DAYLIGHT COAL MM2 br solid; DETROIT MINING CO. 03 red fiber bowtie cut; ELKHORN SHELBY CREEK COAL ICS br top type cut; (5 pcs)
15. ELKHORN COAL CORP. 03 Ecut br; EASTERN COAL CORP. 03 br CCcut; ELK RIVER COAL & LMBR. 01 br star type cut; FRYE COAL CO 03 brass solid; FERN COAL CO. 01 nicpl br diamond cut; GENERAL DEPT STORES 04'48 br circle cut (6 pcs)
16. GAULEY MTN. COAL CO. 02 red fiber & 03 br bckwd Z cut; GREENWOOD COAL CO. 03 br mushroom cut; GLOGORA COAL CO. 03 br keyhole cut; GLAMORGAN COALS 03 br anchor type cut; GENERAL DEPT STORES 04'47 br circle cut (6 pcs)
17. GENERAL DEPT. STORES 04'48 br circle cut; GULF SMOKELESS COAL 3 all diff wm Orco 3; GUYAN EAGLE STORES 04'39 br; JW HANSON 04'51 Hcut br; HARLAN INDUSTRIAL COLLIERIES 03 br anvil type cut; HUTCHINSON LUMBER ICS Hcut br (8 pcs)
18. HUTCHINSON COAL CO. 03 br solid; HUTCHINSON COAL 03 br solid octogan; HUTCHINSON COAL 02 br solid; HATFIELD CAMPBELL CREEK 04'50 br H cut; HOWARD COLLIERIES OF N&W ISC2 br solid; HARVEY COAL CORP. MM2 br heart cut (6 pcs)
19. HILL ANDERSON COAL 04 nodate alum HA cut; ISLAND CREEK STORES 03 br solid; INLAND STEEL CO. 04'40 bckwd S cut; IMPERIAL SMOKELESS COAL CO. MM2 flame type cut; JEWELL RIDGE COAL ISC2 excalloped 2 cut wm (5 cps)
20. JUNIOR MERCANTILE CO. 03 br solid; 01 br solid; MM1 br solid; JEWELL RIDGE COAL MM2 wm & ISC2 wm; (5 pcs)

MORE OF THE 1¢ ITEMS IN THE NEXT SALE !! LOTS OF VARIETIES SO CHECK YOUR COLLECTION CAREFULLY !!

NOW.... A SUPERB COLLECTION OF $5.00 AND $10.00 TOKENS!! (Note: All $5 unless noted !!)

21. AMHERST COAL 04 '48 A cut excalloped brass
22. AMHERST COAL CO. 04 '46 A cut escalloped brass
23. ANGUS COAL COMPANY ICS brass 5 cut
24. BUCHANAN COUNTY COAL CORP. Orco 1 - br- anvil type cut
25. BOONE SUPPLY CO. 04 '51 escalloped bckwd B cut
26. BENEDICT COAL CORP. 04 '40 white metal becwd B cut escalloped
27. COOPER'S STORE 04 '45 br solid escalloped AU cond
28. CARBON FUEL CO. Orco 2 bckwd CF cut brass
29. CARBON FUEL CO. ISC1 bckwd CF cut escalloped brass
30. CORNETT LEWIS COAL CO. 04 '40 brass star cut
31. COAL RUN COAL CO. Nipl br flame type cut ISC1
32. COAL RUN COAL CO. $10 - ISC1 brass flame type cut
33. CANNELTON COAL & COKE Orco 1 brass diamond cut
34. CLEAN EAGLE COAL CO. ISC1 brass solid
35. GM ELLISON & SON IS09 brass solid
36. DIXPORT COAL CO. ISC1 escalloped D cut white metal
37. FERN COAL COMPANY Orco 1 brass V cut
38. FORDSON COAL CO. Orco 1 brass solid

COLONEL CALDWELL'S

MAIL AUCTION SALE

CLOSING DATE

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NUMBER
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OCTOBER 7,
1977

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WE CONTINUE WITH THE FABULOUS DONOHOE COLLECTION IN THIS SALE !! WITH THE RELEASE OF THE EDKINS CATALOG ON COAL TOKENS, WE FEEL THAT MANY, MANY NEW COLLECTORS AND DEALERS WILL BECOME EXPOSED TO THESE EXCITING TOKENS! WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT TOKENS ARE THE COLLECTIBLE OF THE FUTURE -- COINS ARE GOING THE WAY OF BOTTLES --TOO MANY TO KEEP UP WITH, ETC. EVER NOTICE THAT AT COIN SHOWS, THE BIG ACTIVITY IS TRADES BETWEEN THE DEALERS... REMINDS ME OF A TALE TOLD ON ONE OF OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS.... THEY SAY THAT YOU COULD LOCK THE FATHER AND SON UP IN THE STORE WITH ONLY A STRAW HAT FOR CLOTHING AND IN ONE MONTH THEY WOULD TRADE THAT STRAW HAT BACK AND FORTH AND BOTH COME OUT MILLIONAIRES..... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT !! BETTER GET YOUR SHARE OF THESE TOKENS !!

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P. O. Box 29
Fayetteville, W. Va. 25840
September 1977

Dear Collector:

DID YOU KNOW that coal company scrip tokens were "coin of the realm" in thousands of remote coal mining camps for many years? Thousands of children growing up in these coal camps never saw a United States coin until they left the area.

DID YOU KNOW that 30 states of the United States had coal mining operations where tokens were in regular use?

DID YOU KNOW that approximately 10,000 of these coal tokens have now been located and catalogued by Don Edkins - following over five years of research and study?

DID YOU KNOW that many token collectors and dealers have neglected this important field because of a lack of information as to quantity available, current rarity, pricing, etc.?

DID YOU KNOW that coal tokens are currently available from an approximate 50¢ range to $50.00 or more for a single item?

DID YOU KNOW that the NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION now exists to promote the collection and study of these interesting tokens? The organization holds semi-annual meetings in various states and has a current membership of over 400 collectors located in 40 states?

DID YOU KNOW that you will receive a $2.00 certificate to apply on membership dues when you purchase the new catalog on coal company scrip tokens?

DID YOU KNOW THAT coal scrip tokens fit exactly the famous quotation of Cliff Mishler (President of TAMS) which states, quote "One way to measure the merits of a collector's item is by its availability. It must be available enough to be collectible, yet scarce enough to be desirable." Unquote.

DID YOU KNOW that a unique investment opportunity exists with your acquisition of coal mine scrip tokens? Just compare the prices of tokens today with the price of just ten years ago.

I hope that you will purchase the limited first edition of the Edkins' Catalogue of Coal Company Store Scrip now being offered at special pre-publication rates. Then, if you find something of interest, join the National Scrip Collectors Association.

Walter Caldwell

NSCA - ANA - TAMS

Walter Caldwell

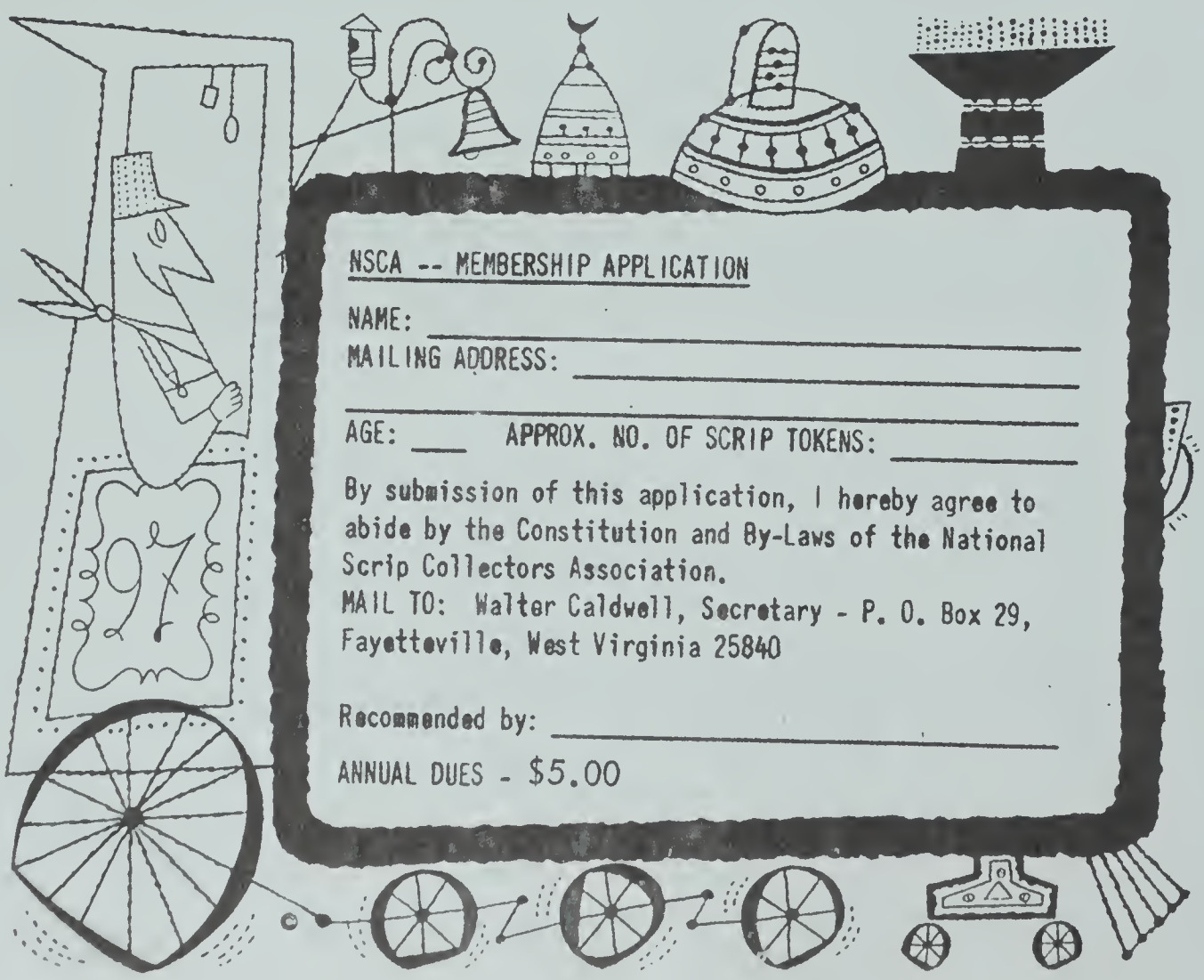
NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS A. ˜OCIATION was formally organized on October 21, 1972, to: (a) Promote the collecting of coal company scrip (metal and paper) and related tokens; (b) To cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens; and (c) to encourage the study and research of history of coal mining companies as it relates to scrip tokens and of the companies that manufactured the tokens.

The organization currently has approximately 400 members in 40 states and annual dues are only $5.00. Semi-annual meetings are held in various locations in the eastern coal mining areas. The Fall 1977 meeting will be held in Huntington, West Va. on Saturday, October 1 at Holiday Inn, Route 60, East. The Spring 1978 meeting will be held at Morgantown, West Va. the first week-end of May.

SCRIP TALK

The official bulletin, "SCRIP TALK" is mailed to all members every other month and contains: Club information - FREE want ads for members - a Question and Answer section - Articles on tokens and old mine history - a regular mail auction sale on coal, lumber and related tokens - and other interesting features.

A large trophy is presented annually to the member having the best article published in the bulletin and also to the member signing the most new members.



NSCA -- MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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AGE: ___ APPROX. NO. OF SCRIP TOKENS: _____

By submission of this application, I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Scrip Collectors Association.

MAIL TO: Walter Caldwell, Secretary - P. O. Box 29, Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840

Recommended by: _____

ANNUAL DUES - $5.00

PRICES REALIZED

SALE NUMBER 42
CLOSING DATE: AUG. 26, 1977

A FREE BONUS FOR ALL SCRIP TALK READERS. MANY CHARGE $1 OR MORE FOR PRICES REALIZED. ON TIE BIDS, EARLIEST POSTMARK WAS USED TO AWARD THE LOT. PLEASE REMIT PROMPTLY SO THAT CONSIGNOR CAN BE PAID. AGAIN, BIDS WERE RECEIVED ON EVERY LOT IN THE SALE. THANKS !!

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26/4.10 27/8.85 28/21.25 29/9.00 30/37.50 31/11.10 32/15.25 33/42.60
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182/5.55 End of Sale No. 42

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STATEMENT OF POLICY ON BIDS:

Comments have been received recently on procedures used on bids in "Scrip Talk" sales. It has been noted that some token mail sales allow last minute telephone call in bids. Too, some allow the caller to receive the highest bid previously made by mail so that they can increase the bid on desired items. For the record, the Colonel Caldwell Mail Auction Sales will continue as in the past: (1) No telephone bids accepted. (2) No information is given on previous bids by mail, phone or in person. (3) All bids and records are open for inspection - following each sale - by any bidder. We have nothing to hide! (4) Only on listings where specified by the consignor, do we reduce bids by 10% above the second highest bid. This information is noted when it applies to any particular lot or lots in the sales.

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SCRIP CHART

Official NSCA identification chart
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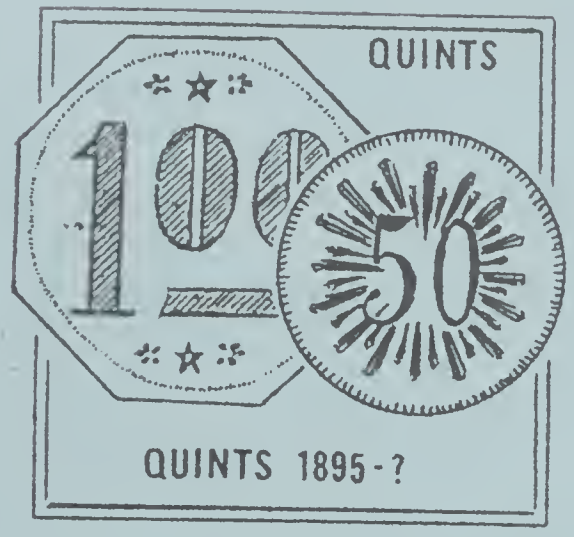

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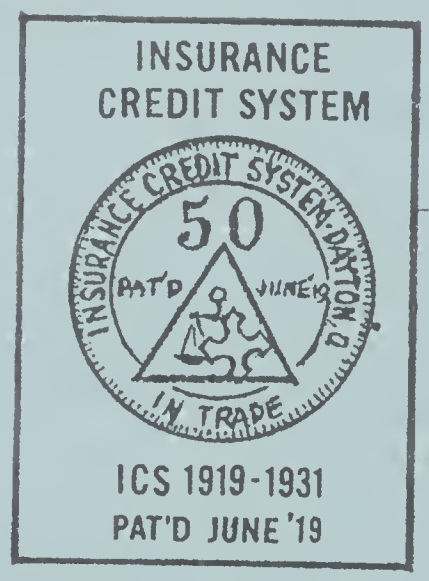

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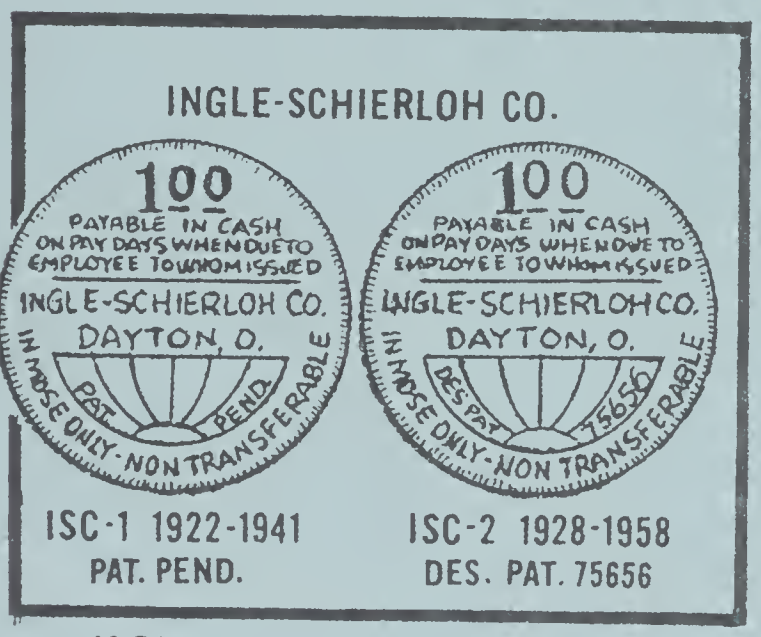

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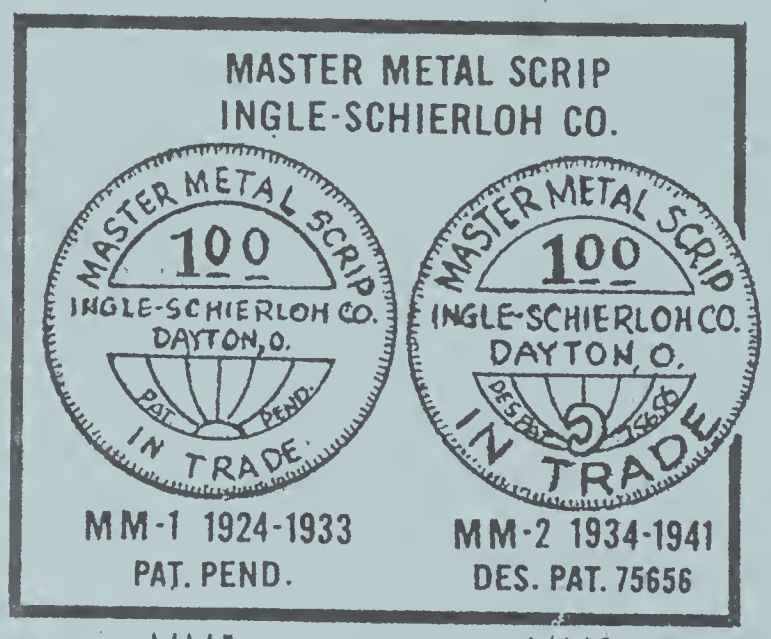

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PRICES REALIZED -- SALE NUMBER 43 -- CLOSING DATE WAS: OCT. 7, 1977

This is a FREE bonus for all Scrip Talk readers !! Many charge $1 or more for this service!! On numbers not listed, no bids were received !! On tie bids, the lot was awarded to the earliest post-mark !! Remember - on Colonel Caldwell's Mail Auction Sales -- no phone-in bids are accepted!! We do not reveal previous bids to any person !! Bid with confidence - buy coal and lumbertokens at your price !!

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1/12.55 2/2.40 4/7.00 5/3.25 6/4.25 7/6.00 8/15.25 9/6.00 10/3.95
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206/8.20 End of Sale No. 43

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As will be noted in the sale results, several collectors acquired some nice items at very good prices !! As was pointed out at Huntington when the Edkins book was released, the rarity scale and prices presented are approximately TWO years old and many, many changes have been noted in the coal and lumber token prices !! The revised scale will, of course, be presented in the next edition or supplement to the catalog. In the meantime, it would be well to bid using your own judgement on the item. Too, many real nice offerings from the DONOHOE collection are included in the next sale so it will pay you to check each item carefully !! What with many items going for up to $30.00 in Huntington, this would make the choice sets sell at over $100.00 for a set of five pieces!! Yet, many, many bargains are available as mentioned above and as will be featured in Sale Number 44.... Get your bids in early and good hunting !!

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AS MENTIONED IN THE BULLETIN, 1978 DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE !! INCLUDE YOUR CHECK FOR $5.00 WITH YOUR NEXT BID SHEET !! SAVE WEAR AND TEAR AND ADDITIONAL NOTICES BEING SENT TO YOU..... Thanks !!